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NEW OFFICE BUILDING OPENS

SEA DUTY FOR TWO-YEAR MEN

Throughout the country a two year shore duty survey, similar to those conducted in the past, is now in process.

All Navy enlisted men who have been on shore duty for two years or more by 31 December, 1944, can expect immediate call after that date. Men who have had shore duty for two years up to this time can judge their chances of further shore duty accordingly.

The survey is part of the Navy plan to exchange two year duty men with sea duty veterans who have served more than the 18 months tour required at sea or at foreign bases.

New Officers Join Public Works Dept.

Arriving almost simultaneously, two new Public Works officials, Lieut. R. Forrey, Public Works Officer, and Lieut. J. Morelock (HC), First Lieutenant, took over the jobs vacated by their predecessors Lt. Cdr. Nelson and Lieut. Lusk.

Formerly with the CB's in Kodiak, Dutch Harbor and Adak, Alaska, Lt. Forrey was stationed at Pier 91 in Seattle before his assignment here. He graduated from the University of Washington as a Civil Engineer in 1942 and joined the Navy during the same year.

A total of 18 years mark the Naval service of Lieut. Morelock, who enlisted on 19 August, 1926. A veteran of considerable action in the South Pacific, he served 8 months in combat and advance base areas in addition to 14 months in New Guinea.



Lt. Forrey



Lt. Morelock



Postal service took a sharp swing toward faster delivery as the new office building opened with Post Office floor space that was increased almost five-fold. Over 30 employees made up of patients and Mail Specialists are being geared to handle a record amount of Christmas mail this year.

Mufflers With Overcoats Now Optional for CPOs

CPO's may now wear mufflers with their overcoats under a recent addition to uniform regulations. When mufflers are worn they are to be of white silk, rayon or wool, plain or ribbed, woven or knitted, to be of approximately commercial size. Blue wool mufflers may be worn at sea.

Separation Center Cuts Discharge Time

Ft. Dix, N. J. (CNS)—The Army's Separation Center here has reduced the minimum time necessary to discharge an enlisted man from 48 hours to 11 hours. Before the center was established here it usually took from two days to two weeks to get through all the formalities of discharging a man.

Construction Houses Post Office, Paymaster, Civil Readjustment and Occupational Therapy

Space problems were solved last week as 4 separate departments, the Post Office, Disbursing Office, Civil Readjustment Office and Occupational Therapy Workshop moved into the new spacious office building adjacent to the commissary.

Largest office quarters are those of the Paymaster division which feature ample lighting plus modern fixtures throughout. Occupational therapy boasts a huge workshop that includes weaving looms as well as woodworking benches.

Survey Information Center

Sandwiched in a compact but efficient office, Chief Pharmacist Young maintains a Civil Readjustment Office which routes all clerical data on patients in addition to acting as an information office for patients about to be discharged to civilian life.

Post Office 5 Times Larger

Remarkable expansion measures were constructed for the hospital Post Office which now is equipped to welcome the Christmas rush. Featuring tables in a lobby for customers to fill out forms, address letters or perform other postal mailing chores, the mailing center represents the finest organization available.

POSTAL HOURS

General Service.....0900 to 1530
Money Orders will not be written from 1115 to 1200.

NAVY DAY....Our 169th Anniversary

Friday, 27 October



An annual occasion for doing honor to the United States Navy transpires this Friday, October 27.

It commemorates the anniversary of the first step toward establishment of the United States Fleet, October 27, 1775. The anniversary is sponsored by the Navy League of the United States with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy.

In addition to doing our job, we can best honor this day by buying an extra War Bond on Friday.

GI Bill of Rights Luring Men Into Army

NEW YORK (CNS)—New Yorkers over 30 are joining the colors in order to reap the rewards of the GI Bill of Rights, according to Col. Arthur V. McDermott, director of Selective Service here.

Benefits of the GI Bill have become so well advertised among civilians that many men have volunteered.

The Stethoscope

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Quick to condemn the motorist who fails to give a lift, many of our servicemen are wrongly displaying an attitude that "The World Owes Me a Living."

We know the disappointment that arises in the wake of an empty automobile that kept on going. We know, too, that perhaps a sense of indifference does exist on the part of some drivers who offer only dust. There is, however, another side to the story.

"I've picked up a lot of service men, but damn few of them have ever said 'thank you' to me," a civilian recently said. "I've picked up men who were half plastered, and whose conversation was lewd and sickening. To top it off, one of them dropped a lighted cigarette on the cushion and burned the upholstery. That's the last serviceman I'll ever pick up."

Comment is hardly necessary... if given a ride, remember the driver is doing us a favor. The least we can do is display a little courtesy and act as his guest.

FROM YOUR SKIPPER

It is very gratifying to publish a letter from the Commandant, 13th Navy District, commending this hospital for its September Report of War Bond Standings:

"Dear Captain Boone:

"The September Report of War Bond Standings, which showed the Naval Hospital with 90.3% of all employees enrolled for War Bonds to the extent of 10.4% of the gross payroll was a source of great satisfaction to the Commandant.

"It is hoped that the month of October will also find the Hospital above the 90% and 10% minimum standard of excellence in order that the War Bond Honor Pennant may be awarded to the employees for their accomplishment.

"Thank you for your interest and personal attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ S. A. Taffinder
Rear Admiral, U.S.N."

It is believed that the U. S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, Washington, is the first hospital in the 13th Naval District to win this award. This September Standing means that the Hospital won its first "leg" on the Commandant's pennant. If as good or better record is obtained during the month of October on the War Bond Standing then the Seattle Naval Hospital will have won the Commandant's pennant, which means the Hospital will have the honor and proud distinction of having this pennant flying daily from the hospital flagpole under the Stars and Stripes.

There is before the Hospital a real challenge which should be met and can be met by maintaining the present war bond deductions, but what is much more desired, by increasing their subscriptions through the month of October. It is hoped that all those employees not now enrolled in the payroll savings plan will become subscribers to help support the splendid record established by their fellow workers.

GRAY LADIES HOLD SHOPPING SERVICE

Be not discouraged if your wife has a birthday and you can't get downtown to buy her that beautiful negligee. Come with your shopping problem to the Red Cross Shopping Service in the Recreation Room any day except Wednesday and Sunday, between 10:30 and 3:00. There you will find an efficient and smiling Red Cross Gray Lady to take your order which will be filled in town as soon as possible, and returned to you right here at the hospital.

The Shopping Service for hospital patients began about a year and a half ago. One Gray Lady devotes her entire time each day to taking orders. These orders are turned over to volunteer shoppers who give freely their time and energy to scout the town in search of anything desired—from skivvies to engagement rings. If your order can't be filled as promptly as you'd like, please be patient. Many stores do not carry complete stocks these days which may necessitate many trips before a requested article can be located.

If you are thinking of Christmas shopping, come in and let the Gray Ladies help you. But don't wait until the last minute. "Do your Christmas Shopping Early." The Gray Lady Wrapping Service, also in the Recreation Room, will be glad to take over where the Shopping Service left off, and help you get your package on its way.

Enlarged Switchboard Installed In Hospital



New Switchboard Allows Additional Phones to be Installed

A 3-position switchboard officially went into operation last Friday morning with an immediate improvement that featured almost super service.

The enlarged board now allows operators to handle calls more efficiently in addition to having an enlarged phone capacity.

Under Chief Telephone Operator Mrs. Buruss, a staff of 5 operators maintain 'round the clock service. Their new board is manned in the picture above by Virginia Cook, Alma Peterson, civilians, and Wave Maxine Pherson.

Chaplain's Corner

DIVINE SERVICES

Recreation Hall
CATHOLIC

Chaplain.....Oliver P. Zinnen
Sunday Masses.....0630 and 0930
Weekday Mass.....0620
Confessions: Before all Masses in the Recreation Hall, Saturday afternoons from 1530 to 1700, in the Chaplain's office.

PROTESTANT

Chaplain.....G. W. J. Hartzel
Holy Communion.....0830
Morning Prayer and Sermon.....1030
Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays 1700

Heaven or Hoboken

"I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14-16.)

On August 7, 1918, General John J. Pershing visited Base Hospital No. 8 at Savenac, France. About him were American soldiers who had been in the battles of Belleau Wood and Chateau Thierry. Mr. Sam W. Ross, now an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Kilgore, Texas, who was present at the time, says that looking into their faces, General Pershing said, "Men, if those who come after you fight as you have fought, then it will be Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken, by Christmas."

That great General mentioned three places. He had in mind, after all, but two places. Hoboken meant home again; for Hoboken, New Jersey, was the port through which passed the majority of the two million men who went overseas in that war.

When he said Heaven or Hell, he had in mind one thing—that there would be some men who would not get back home. They would, instead, be called to their long home. And in that statement he expressed the age-old belief of human kind in the immortality of the soul.

That great soldier believed that this life does not end at death, but rather is just beginning. He knew that the men who went out on the field of battle, never to return, already had made their choice as to their eternal destiny; the destiny of eternal separation from the face of God, (in Hell, or a destiny of eternal joy in the presence of God, and loved ones, and Angels of Glory, in Heaven.

A THOUGHT FOR THIS WEEK

I once knew a woman who kept one hundred thousand dollars in a safety deposit box at her bank because she was afraid of being poor! She had her money, but she was still afraid of the future.

For real security a man must have a sedulous faith in himself with the suppression of false fears.

—Taylor.

"I sought to persuade every man among you, that he must look to himself, and seek virtue and wisdom before he looks to his private interests." —Socrates on trial.

Pinup of

Marine J. O'Donnell



Husky little James O'Donnell is 2½ years old and as Irish as his name according to his father, John J. O'Donnell of Philadelphia, Pa., now in Ward 9.

WAVE WEDS SAILOR

WAVE Bonnie Bandy, SK3c, and Robert L. Dedon, MM3c, marched down the aisle in the First Baptist Church in Seattle on Oct. 13. WAVE Bonnie hails from Broadus, Montana.

MORE MATRIMONY

Cupid chalked up another score this week when Sgt. Kenneth R. Thorman (USMC), a patient in Ward 9, took unto himself a bride. The lucky girl is lovely Letha Fern Bull of Oak Hill, Kansas.



By

G. SWIFT and H. TAYLOR, WAVES

Sad adieu to little "O.C." (Virginia O'Connor Knutsen), who received her freedom from the Navy last week and is now making a home for her husband. The Wave half-pint of the compound is sincerely missed, but we realize how happy she is in her new, permanent duty.

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WARNING: Don't pick a fight with "Bulldog" Murphy, Wave dental tech. She swings a mean left. See Gloria Henkelman for proof. Exhibit "A"—Black Eye; exhibit "B"—Numerous unrevealable bruises; all received in a friendly tussel.

DENTAL WAVE TRANSFERRED TO LAKE UNION FOR DUTY

Wave Doris Parker, HA1c, received orders last Friday for duty at the Naval Training Schools, Lake Union, in downtown Seattle.

LARGEST HOSPITAL

Rear Admiral George C. Thomas (MC), U. S. Navy, 11th Naval District, revealed that the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif., is the Nation's largest Naval hospital with more than 9,000 patients. It also is the largest plastic surgery center on the west coast.

NURSES RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

Pictured at a party given in their honor are three hospital nurses who added a stripe to their rank recently. Left to right: Chief Nurse Ida Ann Netter to Lt. Cmdr. (USN), Linen Room head Kathleen F. Smith to full Lieutenant (USN) and Cadet Nurse head Hazel Griffith to full Lieutenant (USNR).

Basketball Slated for Heavy Season at Hospital

With a record turnout, basketball practice began last Monday evening under the direction of Lieut. D. T. Ross, Physical Fitness Officer at the Lakeside School's gym. In addition to the varsity team's group of applicants, many intra-mural enthusiasts made an appearance which promises to produce a host of small clubs that will compete for the inter-hospital championship this winter.



Ship's Company basketball teams will begin their round-robin competition on 6 November according to Lt. Ross who last week arranged

port and starboard schedules that will be known as the Blue League and the Gold League. All games will be played at the Lakeside School which is situated about a mile from the hospital and features a modern gym plus auxiliary athletic facilities. Three contests will be scheduled per night between the tentative hours of 1900 to 2200. League games are so arranged that each team will have two games one week and one game the following week. All aspiring basketball quintets are urged to contact Lt. D. T. Ross this week at the Athletic Gear Locker.

Meet Your Doctor . . .

Lt. Comdr. R. C. Manchester

As medical officer aboard the famous destroyer, USS O'Bannon, Doctor R. C. Manchester can reveal scores of battle stories that are mutely evidenced by the citation ribbons upon his chest. He wears the individual commendation medal for the expert and untiring aid rendered to survivors sunk in action in addition to the President's citation.

A veteran of 20 months in the South Pacific, Doctor Manchester joined the staff of this hospital last February. Usually found in Ward 42, he is described by one of his "Corpswaves" as being the handsomest doctor on the compound.

Before entering the Navy, the doctor practiced internal medicine and cardiology in Norfolk, Virginia. He is an associate in the American College of Physicians and certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and Cardiology in addition to being a member of countless other medical groups and associations.

A graduate of the University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1932, he has also been associated



Doctor R. C. Manchester

with the following various hospitals. Research fellowship at University of Rochester School of Medicine, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N.Y., New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn., Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass., and James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, N.C.

BATEMAN AND TRACY LEAD IN BOWLING TEAM SCORES

Promises of a strong bowling team this season were displayed with high pre-season averages that featured Johnny Bateman, PhM3c, who rolled a three game average of 199. Second in the scoring limelight was Ch. Pharm. L. B. Tracy who hit the pins for an average of 190.

Total Av.

Hinschberger	170-154-163	487	162
Johnson	166-157-151	474	158
Bateman	175-196-227	598	199
Zalent	169-124-149	442	147
Tracy	211-156-202	569	190

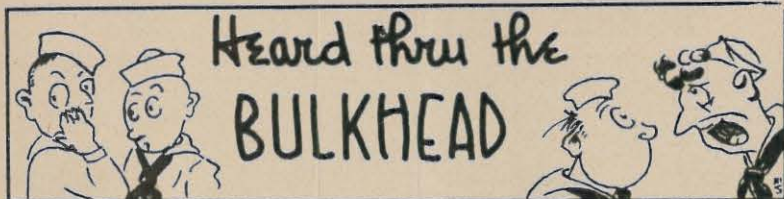
We know of a Wave that cut a hole in the rug to see the floor show, but she quickly covered it up because she didn't like the dirty cracks.

Pinup of

CM3c J. L. Davis



She's mischievous, but he loves her, says Pa Davis about his 4½ year old Ethel Marie in Houston, Texas. Davis, who's in Ward 48, hopes she'll be a nurse.



CPhM Harvey of the MAA shack was presented with a pint flask of rare old Scotch whiskey after his recent promotion and was guarding it with his life. But as he was walking down the street, he failed to sidestep an oncoming Ford in time and was neatly sideswiped. He arose and limped along. Suddenly he noticed that something warm and wet was trickling down his leg. "O, Lord," Harvey groaned, making a frantic grab at his trouser leg, "I hope that's blood."

Chief Taylor is a crazy guy
And sure has lots of fun
He sizes all the cuties up
But never Mrs. one!

Though he denies it, ChPM H. E. Neilson must have something marital on the fire. His latest "give-away" is the little gold band that adorns his left hand.

Marine Guard: Halt! Who goes there?
WAVE: You wouldn't know me
... I just got here yesterday.

Everything goes in the daily pool contests being held at noon in the Recreation room. Rumors persist that Ch. Pharm. Harold Edick talks the best game, but Louie Realini knows the tricks of gouging opponents' eyes with a cue when the going gets tough.

Statistics prove that four out of five women haters are women.

Latest gal to sport a "rock" is Lillian LaRocque, Wave beauty in the commissary. She landed a ChPM with "dose great big beautiful eyes."

Twinkle, twinkle little Spar
How unlike the Waves you are
You pout 'n shout, get high 'n cry
Then fly away when the cupboard's dry.

Poor southern fried "Tex" Denton did it again and got her liberty restricted. She dreamed so hard of her little Willie who captured Italy single-handed that they caught her sleeping in. This should cure her from muttering sweet nothings to the pillow when the MA's on the snoop.

Fifty cases of twisted necks
Arrived all out of joint
It seems they've got a mermaid
Living near Sand Point!

Why is Roy Currence, PhM3c, in the Fire House pricing cigars when he won't be a papa until January? Could he be expecting triplets?

The stork has a wonderful sense of humor ... always kidding.

Character "Pinup" Plute

With a "swooning" reputation on this station bettering that of Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Dick Haynes and Clark Gable, the pint sized pin-up boy, J. (Jockey) Plute, HAlc, may be seen dispensing smiles, sidewise glances and quick repartee each day around the Educational Building to all members of the fairer sex.

The "pin-up boy" of the Wave Barracks and Cadet Nurses' Quarters has a background of being in the public eye through experiences gained in rodeos and Wild West Shows.

When asked what quality he possessed to cause the sighs and ohs expressed by the females, Plute was as tight-lipped as a zipper, his only answer being a "knowing" look.

His duties as movie operator in the Educational Building and with the Red Cross keep him constantly in the public eye plus a chance to favor the femmes with his soft soap and glances.

All "skirted" members of the station who have missed meeting this "mighty minute man" may do so by taking a turn up Attu Way to see the Archery Range or inquiring



... not Sinatra, not Gable, but "Pin-Up" Plute passing favor on two of his swooning admirers.

at the Educational Building concerning any scholastic subject which comes to mind. If the "Cub" of ComWolfPack is absent you may secure a rain check from any one of the male members of the Educational Building. Do not be disturbed, but take your place in line and remember the "Pin-Up Boy" is probably waving at a Wave or cooing at a Cadet.

GAME ROOM HOURS

WEEKDAYS:

Patient Personnel...0900 to 1100
1300 to 1500
Officers1200 to 1300

SUNDAYS:

Patient Personnel...1100 to 1500
Hospital Corpsmen,
Every night1700 to 2100

Ads 'n Stuff

WANTED—One instructor in pin-ochle. Must be able to teach hard-headed bed patient. Prefer one well versed in the art of melting. Union wages paid. Apply to Ward 51 any time. Ask for Mac.

NOTICE—If Jackson Jones, IOUlc, who deserted his wife and baby 25 years ago will return, the baby will knock his block off!

WANTED—Used Car, 1936 or 1937. Coupe preferred. Good condition. Call Doris G. Lenghel, M.A.A., Wave Quarters.

OPPORTUNITY—For several interested alert patients or corpsmen to learn photography by working in new hospital photo lab. See PhMlc Ramme in X-ray.

NOTICE—Will Paul please pick up in the Recreation Office, the bracelet that Louise gave him April 1, 1944.



STOUT FIELD, Ind.—During maneuvers here one (1) soldier was sent to the WAC barracks to tell the gals they were captured. The WACs, who take maneuvers seriously, tittered among themselves and then rebelled openly with the attitude that it would take more than a single soldier to capture them. Before the captor knew what was happening the WACs had rushed him, thrown him to the floor and he was begging them to give him back his rifle.

ARITHMETIC

He was teaching her arithmetic
He said it was his mission—
He kissed her once, he kissed her twice
And said, "Now that's addition."
And as he added smack by smack—
In silent satisfaction.
She sweetly gave him kisses back,
And said, "Now that's subtraction."

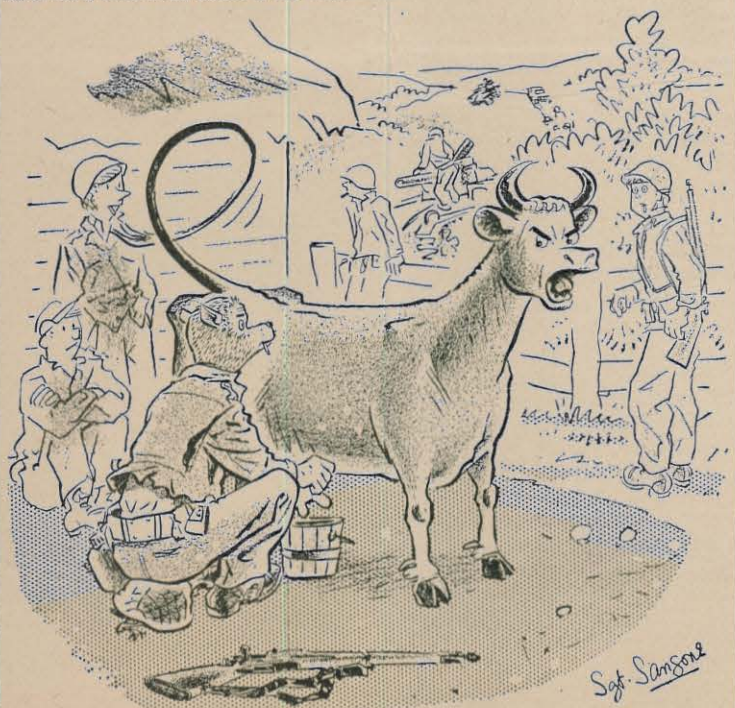
Then he kissed her and she kissed him—
Without an explanation . . .
Then each kissed the other
With words, "Now that's multiplication."

Her Dad appeared upon the scene,
And made a quick decision.
He kicked that lad three blocks away,
And yelled, "That's long division."

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Easy, big boy—easy!"